

Orthogonal Projection :-

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vectors in an inner product space  $V$ . If  $v \neq 0$  then the orthogonal projection of  $u$  onto  $v$  is given by

$$\text{proj}_v u = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle} v$$

as  
Similar For dot product :  $\rightarrow$  The orthogonal projection

for dot product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is shown in  
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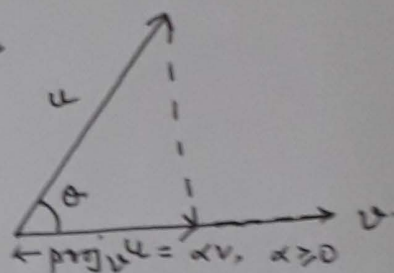
$$\text{proj}_v u = \alpha v$$

$$\text{Consider } \alpha \geq 0, \quad \|\alpha v\| = \alpha \|v\|$$

$$= \|u\| \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{\|u\| \|v\| \cos \theta}{\|v\|} = \frac{\|u\| \|v\|}{\|v\|} \cdot \frac{u \cdot v}{\|u\| \|v\|}$$

$$= \frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|^2}$$



$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{u \cdot v}{\|v\|^2} = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{projection of } u \text{ on } v = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v}$$

Ex: Finding an orthogonal projection in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

use Euclidean inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to find the orthogonal projection of  $u = (6, 2, 4)$  onto  $v = (1, 2, 0)$

$$\text{Sol}^n: \langle u, v \rangle = (6)(1) + (2)(2) + 4(0) = 10$$

$$\langle v, v \rangle = 1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 = 5$$

$$\text{proj}_v u = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\langle v, v \rangle} v = \frac{u \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v = \frac{10}{5} (1, 2, 0) = (2, 4, 0)$$

## The Gram-Schmidt Process:

It is a simple method for constructing an orthogonal (or orthonormal) basis for any subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The idea is to begin with an arbitrary basis  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  for  $W$  and to 'orthogonalize' it one vector at a time. We will explain the process with the help of following example,

Ex: let  $W = \text{span}(x_1, x_2)$  then construct an orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

where  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Same question we did in ~~last~~ previous Lect.

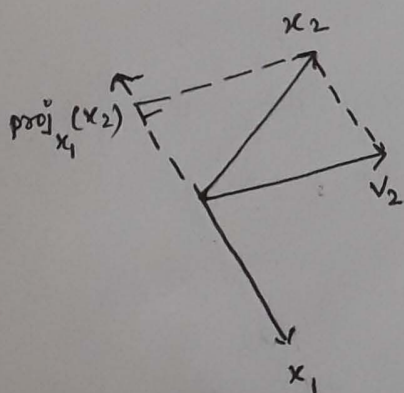
Sol<sup>n</sup>: starting with  $x_1$ , we get a second vector that is orthogonal to it by taking the component of  $x_2$  orthogonal to  $x_1$ .

Algebraically, we set  $v_1 = x_1$  so

$$v_2 = \text{perp}_{x_1}(x_2) = x_2 - \text{proj}_{x_1}(x_2)$$

$$= x_2 - \left( \frac{x_1 \cdot x_2}{x_1 \cdot x_1} \right) x_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{-2}{2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Constructing  $v_2$  orthogonal to  $x_1$ .

Thus  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is an orthogonal set of vectors in  $W$ . Hence  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is l.i and therefore a basis for  $W$ , since  $\dim W = 2$ .

Remark: observe that this method depends on the order of the original basis vectors. In Ex above, if we had taken  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  then we would have obtained a different orthogonal basis for  $W$ .

The process to iteratively construct the component of subsequent vectors ortho to all vectors already constructed, is known as Gram-Schmidt ~~method~~ process.



### Steps of Gram Schmidt Process:

Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  be a basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and define the following

$$v_1 = x_1$$

$$W_1 = \text{span}(x_1)$$

$$v_2 = x_2 - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_2}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1$$

$$W_2 = \text{span}(x_1, x_2)$$

$$v_3 = x_3 - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_3}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1 - \left( \frac{v_2 \cdot x_3}{v_2 \cdot v_2} \right) v_2$$

$$W_3 = \text{span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$\vdots$

$$v_k = x_k - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_k}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1 - \left( \frac{v_2 \cdot x_k}{v_2 \cdot v_2} \right) v_2 - \dots - \left( \frac{v_{k-1} \cdot x_k}{v_{k-1} \cdot v_{k-1}} \right) v_{k-1}$$

$$W_k = \text{span}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

Then for each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W_i$ . In particular  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $W$  and  $\left\{ \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}, \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|}, \dots, \frac{v_n}{\|v_n\|} \right\}$  is an orthonormal basis.

Ex: Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to construct an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $W = \text{span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  where

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: First note that  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is a linearly independent set, so it forms a basis for  $W$ . We begin by setting  $v_1 = x_1$ . Next, we compute the component of  $x_2$  orthogonal to  $W_1 = \text{span}(v_1)$ .

$$v_2 = x_2 - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_2}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Tip \* For hand calculation, it is good to scale  $v_2$  to eliminate fractions. When we finish the process, we can rescale the orthogonal set ~~to orthonormal~~ we are constructing to obtain an orthonormal set.

$$\text{Let } v_2' = 2v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, find  $x_3$  orthogonal to  $w_2 = \text{span}(x_1, x_2) = \text{span}(v_1, v_2)$   
 $= \text{span}(v_1, v_2')$

using orthogonal basis  $\{v_1, v_2'\}$

$$v_3 = x_3 - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_3}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1 - \left( \frac{v_2' \cdot x_3}{v_2' \cdot v_2'} \right) v_2'$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{15}{20} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Again, we rescale } v_3' = 2v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

we now have an orthogonal basis  $\{v_1, v_2', v_3'\}$  for  $w$  (check to make sure that these vectors are orthogonal).

To obtain an orthonormal basis, we normalize each vector.

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{\|v_1\|} v_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$q_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\|v_2'\|} \right) v_2' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2\sqrt{5} \\ 3/2\sqrt{5} \\ 1/2\sqrt{5} \\ 1/2\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3\sqrt{5}/10 \\ 3\sqrt{5}/10 \\ \sqrt{5}/10 \\ \sqrt{5}/10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_3 = \left( \frac{1}{\|v_3'\|} \right) v_3' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{6}/6 \\ \sqrt{6}/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .

Ex: Find an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains the vector  
 $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: We first find any basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing  $v_1$ . If we take  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

then  $\{v_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is clearly a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , because  $v_1, x_2, x_3$  are L.I. and  $\text{span}\{v_1, x_2, x_3\} = \mathbb{R}^3$

We now apply Gram-Schmidt process to this basis to obtain

$$v_2 = x_2 - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_2}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \left( \frac{2}{14} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/7 \\ 5/7 \\ -3/7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } v_2' = 7v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and finally,

$$v_3 = x_3 - \left( \frac{v_1 \cdot x_3}{v_1 \cdot v_1} \right) v_1 - \left( \frac{v_2' \cdot x_3}{v_2' \cdot v_2'} \right) v_2'$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{3}{14}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \left(\frac{-3}{35}\right) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/10 \\ 0 \\ 1/10 \end{bmatrix}$$

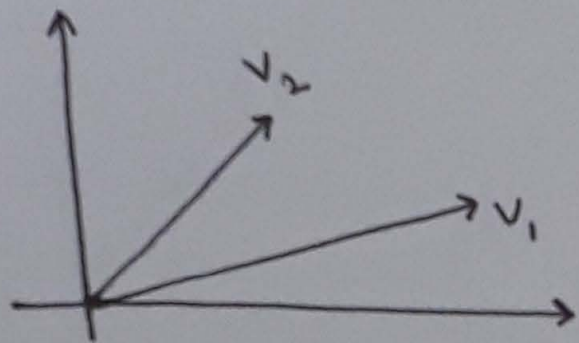
$$v_3' = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus  $\{v_1, v_2', v_3'\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains  $v_1$ .

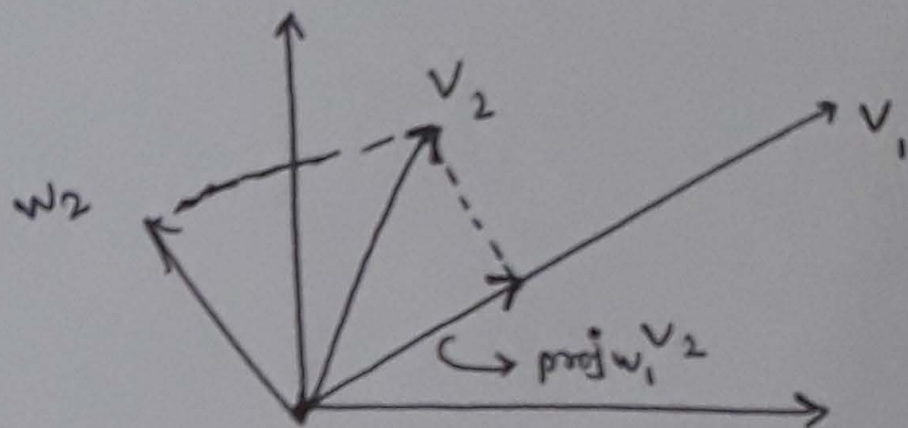
Remark :- Given a unit vector, we can obtain orthonormal basis that contains it by using the preceding method and then normalizing the resulting orthogonal vectors.



The geometric intuition of the Gram-Schmidt Process to find an orthonormal basis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



$\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$



$w_2 = v_2 - \text{proj}_{w_1} v_2$  is

orthogonal to  $w_1 = v_1$ .

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{w_1}{\|w_1\|}, \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} \right\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .